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Judson takes silver medal in competition

Women's Rifle

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[NCAA SCORECARD](#)

[LEXINGTON, Va.](#) - Sparked by a total team effort and a silver medal effort from [Ashley Judson](#), the Georgia Southern rifle team shot a school-record 2,278 to capture its first Southern Conference smallbore team title Saturday at Kilbourne Hall.

The team posted a 2,278, the highest total in program history. [Brianna Staton](#) placed first with a 575, followed by Judson in sixth with a 571 and [Bella Gamez](#) in seventh with a 567. All three advanced to the finals where Judson took second (445.6), Staton placed sixth (395.2) and Gamez placed eighth (381.4).

[Kinsley Hannon](#) just missed the finals with a 565 and [Amelia Pierce](#) shot a 534.

Gamez posted a career-best 193 in kneeling, including a career-best 99 in one series. Staton shot a school-record 199 in prone, including her second 100 of the season and also tied her career-best with 190 in kneeling. Hannon tied her career best in kneeling with a 189 and shot a career-best 99 in one series of prone. Judson tied her

career high with a 189 in standing.

Georgia Southern's 2,278 is the second-highest smallbore SoCon Championship score since the league resurrected rifle as a sponsored sport in 2016-17.

It's the third team title in the program's short history as the Eagles won the 2017 and 2019 SoCon air rifle titles.

Staton was named second-team All-SoCon for her year-long performance.

**Words From Coach Worman:** "I am so proud of the team. They worked so hard all year at being uncomfortable and fielding curveballs to strengthen their mental and physical resolve. They kept striving and growing and evolving and trying. It all paid off today. They say that the qualification phase is like a marathon, and the finals phase is like a sprint. It's been extraordinary watching them acquire both skillsets. And they really mentored and taught themselves. I gave them the procedures and then they took turns running the finals and shooting the training finals. Their performances today embodied the spirit of our guiding star, which is, "If it is to be, it is up to me." Well done, ladies!"

#### **THE SCORES**

Georgia Southern: 2,278 smallbore

North Georgia: 2,270 smallbore

UAB: 2,151 smallbore

VMI: 2,240 smallbore

The Citadel: 2,246 smallbore

VMI (W): 2,159 smallbore

The Citadel (W): 2,095 smallbore

#### **THE INDIVIDUALS (Alphabetical Order)**

##### [Bella Gamez](#)

**Freshman - San Antonio, Texas**

Smallbore - 567 (7th; 8th in finals)

##### [Kinsley Hannon](#)

**Freshman - Newnan, Ga.**

Smallbore - 565

Air Rifle - SUNDAY

Aggregate -

##### [Ashley Judson](#)

**Sophomore - Acworth, Ga.**

Smallbore - 571 (6th; 2nd in finals)

Air Rifle - SUNDAY

Aggregate -

##### [Anna Maya](#)

**Freshman - Lawrenceville, Ga.**

Air Rifle - SUNDAY

##### [Gabby Morrow](#)

**Sophomore - Locust Grove, Ga.**

Air Rifle - SUNDAY

##### [Amelia Pierce](#)

**Sophomore - Greencastle, Pa.**

Smallbore - 534

##### [Brienne Staton](#)

**Freshman - Deatsville, Ala.**

Smallbore - 575 (CAREER HIGH; 1st; 6th in finals)

Air Rifle - SUNDAY

Aggregate -

**Up Next:** The Eagles will wrap up the SoCon Championships on Sunday with the air rifle portion of the event. The two team totals will determine the overall champion, as well.